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Declarations of Trust

1832 and 1841

Tryingham, Mass.

Declaration of trust

This declaration made in conformity with the provision in Article third Section fifth of the Covenant or Constitution of the Church of the United Society (called Shakers) by Freeman Stanley one of the Trustees of said Church in the town of Tyringham County of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Witnesseth

That whereas the said Freeman Stanley having been duly appointed one of the Trustees of the temporalities of the said Church to act in connection with Abel Bigelow as Joint Trustees of said temporalities he the said Freeman Stanley by virtue of his said office of Trustee in connection with Abel Bigelow and in union with the Leading authority of said Church, is empowered to hold manage and improve the property of said Church; for the use and benefit, thereof, to buy and sell and transact business in behalf of said Church; And whereas the said Freeman Stanley in connection with the said Abel Bigelow hath been and is vested in trust with the fee of all the lands, and real estate belonging to said Church and now in the actual possession occupancy thereof, as by reference to the Deeds of said real estate, and the registry of said County will more fully and at large appear. Now therefore this declaration further witnesseth, that the said Freman Stanley by virtue of his appointment to the office of trustee, as aforesaid is under express obligations to hold all and every part of said lands and tenements with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, Together with all the personal property of every description belonging or appertaining to the said Church or Society that may at any time come under his Charge as such Trustee, in connection with the said Abel Bigelow in trust and in union with the Leading authority, aforesaid for the benefit and in behalf of said Church; for the uses and purposes expressed in and subject to the rules conditions and regulations prescribed by

the Covenant and Constitution of said Church or any amendments thereto which may hereafter be adapted by the general approbation of the Church and in conformity with the primitive Faith and acknowledged principles of the society according to the true intent and meaning thereof and in no other way nor for any other purposes whatever. And the said Freeman Stanly hereby declares that the fee of abovementioned lands and tenements together with all his rights, title, interest claims and demand of whatever name or nature, of in, and to the abovementioned premises or any part thereof has been and, is confided to him and received by him in trust in his capacity of Trustee of the aforesaid Church under the express conditions and obligations stated in the Covenant and constitution of the said Church, concerning the duties and obligations of Trustees which Covenant and Constitution bearing date the fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord and Saviour one thousand eight hundred and sixteen he the said Freeman Stanly has signed as a member and that neither he the said Freeman Stanly nor any other person or persons as heir or heirs to him, or on his individual or personal account can have any lawful right to or claim upon the above mentioned premises or any part thereof nor any lawful right or claim of any name, or nature whatever, upon any of the interest or property belonging to the said Church or Society and confided to his trust, in any other way or manner than according to the true intent and meaning of the Covenant or Constitution aforesaid

In witness whereof the said Freeman Stanley has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal on this twenty second day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two

Signed and sealed in presence of }

Leonard Allen was chosen Trustee With Freeman Stanley by the Ministry in union with the Elders of Tyringham in July 18. 1833

Jeremiah Hawkins By his offer and athority of the Ministry and Elders is this Day Releesed From the office and all Care What Ever this 2nd Day of November in the year 1841

Declaration of Trust

Whereas in the covenant or constitution of the
county of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Mass.
interest of said Society to the proper uses and-
duty of the Trustees who may be vested with the -
or society, to make and execute a declaration of trust
duly appointed Trustee in (connexion with Freeman-
to manage the property and transact the business
am vested in trust, (in connexion with the said
belonging to the said church and society and now
more fully and at large appear, by reference to the deeds
Now therefore this declaration further
of the appointment to the office of Trustee, as afore-
with the said Stanley to hold all and every part
=rtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertain=
description, belonging or appertaining to the said Church or
as such trustee, and in union with the leading authority of
covenant or constitution aforesaid, for the benefit,
=poses, express,d in and subject to the rules and regula-
and any amendments thereto which may hereafter be adop-
conformity with the primitive faith and acknowledged -
intent and meaning thereof, and in no other way nor
I the undersignd acknowledge and declare, that I hold
time convey,d to me, not for my own use and benefit but only
I will use manage and do with said property in every part
=said covenant which I have signd in my individual capacity
hold said property in my official trust for the time being
my trust in regard to all and every part of the aforesaid premises
do by the leading authority of the aforesaid Church or Society that
successor who may be appointed to the like office and trust by
shall ever afterwords have a right to make use of any part
the said property, shall as before remain, devoted entirely
Society In witness whereof I have hereunto set
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

in presence of Freeman Stanley
Calvin J Parker

United Society (Called Shakers) of Tyringham in the
it is provided that for the better security of the
purposes, stipulated in said Covenant, it shall be the
lawful title or claim to the real estate of said Church
in due form of Law, and as I the subscriber, have been
Stanley) of said church, and Society, in said Tyringham
of said church and Society, and as I have been and
Stanley) with the fee of all the lands and real estate
in the actual possession and occupancy thereof, as with
of said real estate and the registry thereof,
Witnesseth, that I the undersigned, by virtue
said, am under express obligation in connexion
of said lands and tenements, with the hereditaments and appur-
=ing together with all the personal property of every
society and that may at any time come under my charge
said Church and society as particularly described in the
and in behalf of said Church, for the uses and func-
tions presented in the Covenant and constitution aforesaid,
ted by the general approbation of the church and in
principles of the Church and Society according to the true
for no other purpose whatever And furthermore
the property real and personal, which has been at any
for the sole use and benefit of said Church or Society, and that
thereof according to the true intent and meaning of the afore=
with the other members of the said Church, and that I
as Trustee, and I do hereby promise and agree to relinquish
and personal interest, whenever I shall be requested so to
it may thenceforth be under the care and management of my
the aforesaid authority so that neither I nor my natural heirs
of said property by virtue of my former trusteeship, but
to the uses and purposes of the aforesaid Church and
my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of December
thirty five

Freeman Stanley

Jeremiah Hawkins

Appointments in office for the United society at Tyringham

A copy from the record of 1816 January 15

Thomas Patten was establish,d as first Deacon and Clerk and Freeman Stanley and John Patten as trading Deacons abroad

Sept 1820 Thomas Patten by his request was releas,d and Freeman Stanley and John Patten appointed as Trustees of the said Church

John Patten by his request was releas,d from being Trustee

Abel Bigelow was appointed Trustee with Freeman Stanley by the ministry in Dec 15 1821 and Clerk of the Society

Nov, 6 1827 Daniel Fay was appointed as Trustee in the second Family of this Society

April 22 1833 Daniel Fay was releas,d from his Trusteeship and Asa Hulett appointed as Trustee for the second Family. Asa Patten released from being Elder in the Church and Daniel Fay appointed to succed him April 22^d 1835

1834 Jeremiah Hawkins was appointed as Trustee with Freeman Stanley and Abel Bigelow released.

1833 Willard Johnson was appointed to do trading in the farming line

1833 Luther Allen and John Patten was appointed to do the business in selling Cattle Sheep and Hay

Jeremiah Hawkins released from being trustee and
Abel Bigelow reappointed November 2nd 1841.

Wealthy Storrer Sined Before the trustees
Sined the Covenent Before Freeman Stanley
trustees of the Society In Tyringham
this Second Day of december 1841 — — —